

**Boucher FY 2011 Appropriations Requests**

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**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies**

**Project Name:** □ **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Geographic Information Systems Laboratory**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$310,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College**

1000 Dabney Drive

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used to create a state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College that will enhance the College's Forestry Technology AAS Degree Program and promote the creation of a new certificate option to meet current and prospective employer demands. The College's Forestry Technology Program is the only two-year forestry program in the state of Virginia and the only two-year program in the state that is recognized by the Society of American Foresters.

**Project Name: Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Resources (SEMRR)**

**Amount:** ████████████████████ **\$800,000**

**Recipient:** ████████████████ **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used for the Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Resources (SEMRR) initiative at Virginia Tech. The SEMRR initiative is designed to ensure an economically and environmentally sustainable supply of renewable resources for building construction materials and allied products. The SEMRR will study the long-range economic and environmental effect of reducing industrial timberland requirements by decreasing dependence on lumber products and introducing high-yield composite products.

**Project Name:** █ **Biodesign and Bioprocessing Research Center**

**Amount:** ████████████████████ **\$950,000**

**Recipient:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used for Virginia Tech for the Biodesign and Bioprocessing Research Center's (BRPC) research. The Center will enhance the capabilities and economic viability of farmers, agribusiness industries and the forest products industry by conducting cutting edge basic and applied research for production of organic crops; the design, production and recovery of industrial enzymes and pharmaceuticals from transgenic crops; and for conversion of agricultural wastes to value-added products such as advanced biofuels, fertilizers and other industrial products.

**Project Name:** Center for Inland Marine Aquaculture

**Amount:** \$830,000

**Recipient:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used to strengthen an existing public/private partnership with West Virginia University and aquaculture industry. The structured and collaborative partnerships which will be furthered by this funding will enable the development of a vertically integrated seafood production industry. The seafood production facilities will utilize state-of-the-art recirculation aquaculture systems to grow millions of pounds of fish and shellfish using environmentally sustainable methods that also contribute to alternative energy production. The ability to produce domestic seafood inland provides a tremendous opportunity to ensure an abundant supply of safe seafood while creating an industry that provides economic benefits for Virginia and West Virginia.

**Project Name:** Equine Health Research

**Amount:** \$300,000

**Recipient:** Virginia Intermont College

1013 Moore Street

Bristol, Virginia 24201

**Explanation of the Request:** This project would fund equine health research, including purchasing needed additional research equipment, faculty salaries, and student aid.

Virginia Intermont College provides a high quality, comprehensive education to 150 future equine professionals each year.

Graduates work in every part of the horse industry as trainers, riding instructors, barn managers, facilities managers, veterinarians, and more, helping to generate jobs and revenue while improving the care and condition of our horses.



**Project Name:** □ Reachback Decision Informatics Research Program

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$4,000,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** The Reachback Decision Informatics research program will develop a necessary advanced high performance computing platform to provide real time data to decision makers on any location in the U.S. that might suffer a CBNT attack.

This cutting-edge modeling and simulation platform will bring together infrastructure, population, epidemiological, social, and economic data to assist in both counter-CBNT and post-event responses.

It will become the standard Reachback tool for DTRA in its mission of counter CBNT support for DOD, COCOMS, and civilian response agencies.

This research and development project will result in (1) advanced, high-performance computing-based analytical and services software, (2) methods and formal foundations for assisted complex system decision support, and (3) a trained core group of experts necessary for use and continued development of new DTRA Reachback Decision informatics products.

**Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies**

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**Project Name:** □ **Grayson County Communications Upgrade Project**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$299,500**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **Grayson County Sheriff's Office**

Post Office Box 160

Independence, Virginia 24348

**Explanation of the Request:** The Grayson County Sheriff's Office is in the in process of updating its communication system and has identified specific needs to maximize its efficiency.

Funds would be used to purchase upgrades to or placement of communications buildings at the Point Lookout and Whitetop radio towers respectively with propane generators at each, additional laptops in order to equip the entire sworn force with mobile data access, interoperable data communication with other law enforcement agencies through CapWin, and P25 compliant mobile and portable radios.

**Project Name:** □ Buchanan County Technology Improvement Program

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$75,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office

Post Office Box 970

Grundy, Virginia 24614

**Explanation of the Request:** The Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office is proposing to enhance their criminal information systems in an effort to create an information system that transfers case related data from point to point through the criminal justice cycle making it readily available for access. Currently the Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office has central servers, workstations, and laptops that have become obsolete due to age and are at substantial risk of catastrophic data loss and server failure.

Funds would be used for the enhancement and replacement of outdated software and computer systems, elimination of costly proprietary software applications not capable of future interfaces to current systems, integration of jail information and police reports to improve public safety emergency responses and officer safety, integration improvements to State criminal justice information systems, and hiring a project coordinator to implement the program.

**Project Name:** □ Enhanced Fingerprint Identification Technology

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$1,000,000

**Recipient:** ██████████ **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

219 Burruss Hall

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** Funding would be used by Virginia Tech for Enhanced Fingerprint Identification Technology. Fingerprint identification is one of the most common and important identification and exoneration methods used in criminal investigations and legal prosecutions, and recent research indicates that new technology can be used in conjunction with traditional fingerprint identification powder to enable law enforcement, from the body oils and moisture of a fingerprint, to identify the age and gender of the perpetrator, as well as whether he or she has legal and/or illegal drugs in his or her system, whether he or she is a tobacco user, and whether there is explosive material residue on the fingerprint. Funds would be used for the design, planning and conduct of comprehensive validation studies, including faculty and graduate student salaries, operating and maintenance of a sophisticated mass spectrometer, and the purchase of necessary equipment, materials and supplies.

**Project Name:**██ **New River Valley Emergency System**

**Amount:** ████████████████████ **\$650,000**

**Recipient:** ██████████ **Montgomery County, Virginia**

755 Roanoke Street



Post Office Box 190

North Tazewell, Virginia 24630

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by Tazewell County, Virginia for continuation of a regional wastewater project. The funding would be used for construction and related services associated with the replacement of the main sewer interceptor line and all appurtenances.

**Project Name:** Fairwood Horse Camp

**Amount:** \$7,400,000

**Recipient:** United States Forest Service

1400 Independence Avenue SW

Washington, DC 20250

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to design and construct the Fairwood Horse Camp in Grayson County, Virginia. The proposed camp is being planned to replace two existing horse camps which are heavily used and immediately adjacent to Route 603 (Mount Rogers Scenic Byway) and the Fox Creek watershed.

The high public use at the camps is causing adverse effects on the Fox Creek watershed, and the existing facility does not meet the public demand for camping in the area.

The new camp would be located across the road and would provide a high quality camping experience which would not adversely affect the Fox Creek watershed.

The funds I am requesting would enable the Forest Service to design and construct the facility including necessary trail connectors.

**Project Name:** □ **Clinch Powell Clean Rivers Initiative**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$1,500,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ **United States Geological Survey**

12201 Sunrise Valley Drive

Reston, Virginia 20192, USA

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by the United States Geological Survey's Eastern Region Initiative on the Clinch (ERIC) to provide the critical information necessary to ascertain and then address the decline in aquatic diversity (especially freshwater mussels) in the Clinch and Powell Rivers. The funds would be used to advance ongoing water quality and biological monitoring efforts in the Clinch Powell River Basin in southwestern Virginia and eastern Tennessee, and provide data necessary for the implementation of a science plan developed under the Clinch Powell Clean Rivers Initiative.





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**Incubation project**

**Amount:** ████████████████████\$200,000

**Recipient:** ████████████████**Virginia Highlands Community College**

100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used to purchase and install equipment and develop curriculum for an Energy Technology and Small Business Incubation project.

The program will include courses in a variety of alternative energy technologies and will provide participants with opportunities for cooperative experiences through partnerships with businesses at the recently established Southwest Virginia Clean Energy Research and Development Center.

The College will provide non-federal matching funds and will make use of \$8 million provide by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the Southwest Virginia Clean Energy Research and Development Center.

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**



100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) to purchase equipment and develop curriculum to train students for jobs that meet the needs of the surrounding energy industry. VHCC applied successfully to the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges requesting approval of a new program in Energy Technology.

This new program will offer courses in a variety of alternative technologies including electric, thermal, solar, geothermal, and more effective uses of natural gas and coal.

The Energy Technology program will also provide valuable hands-on experiences to students while benefiting the College by generating electricity that can be used to provide power to the campus.

Federal funding would be used to purchase equipment including solar and wind power generation systems, fuel cell equipment, a hydrogen generator, the installation of a geothermal unit, and for curriculum development in order to train students in alternative energy maintenance and effective uses of natural gas and coal.

**Project Name:** Virginia Tech SIPsmartER Nutrition Literacy Program

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Recipient:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



of Virginia mountain counties and the country.

**Project Name:** Wellmont Health Systems

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient:** Wellmont Health System

1905 American Way, Suite 102

Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for the expansion and renovation of Wellmont Health System's rural emergency network: Mountain View Regional Medical Center (VA), Lee Regional Medical Center (VA), Hawkins County Memorial Hospital (TN).

This project will increase the capacity of the hospitals to receive patients from their communities, and will create new job opportunities in these economically depressed counties.

**Project Name:** Mountain States Health Alliance Cardiovascular Screening Vehicle

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Recipient:** ██████████ **Mountain States Health Alliance**

403 Princeton Road, Suite 5

Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by Mountain States Health Alliance to purchase, equip, and operate a cardiovascular-disease screening vehicle to provide services to remote rural communities across Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Virginia, accounting for nearly one-third of all deaths in the state.

Providing cardiovascular screening in remote areas as well as at businesses, schools, and community health events will increase the availability and access to screening for all residents in the region.

**Project Name:** █ **Radford University Center for Mental Health**

**Amount:** ████████████████ **\$3,000,000**

**Recipient:** ██████████ **Radford University**

801 East Main Street

Radford, Virginia 24142

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by Radford University, in partnership with The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the Inner Resilience Program, and the Community Educational Resource Cooperative (CERC, a locally-based non-profit organization), to assist the School Districts of Floyd, Giles and Pulaski Counties to develop a sustainable implementation of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in a targeted number of schools. These selected rural counties are traditionally underserved and comprised of high numbers of low-income and at-risk students. Funds would be used to develop a plan outlining policies that support the implementation of evidence-based SEL programming in local school districts, establish an SEL program evaluation, disseminate information to educators, engage families and communities in the social and emotional learning of students served, establish a regional Social and Emotional Learning Office at Radford University, and create a regional SEL Leadership Team.

**Project Name:** □ King School of Medicine

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□\$5,000,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□King College

1350 King College Road

Bristol, Tennessee 37620

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used by King College to develop a health sciences research program affiliated with the proposed King School of Medicine. The program would facilitate clinical, translational, and wet lab research and equipment focused on regional

epidemiologies.

**Project Name:** Dickenson County Flood Control

**Amount:** \$19,500,000

**Recipient:** U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**Explanation of the Request:** Funding is for the Dickenson County, Virginia elements of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River Project.

The funding was included in the President's budget request, so I am asking that the full amount of that request for this project be maintained.

The greater part of Dickenson County lies within the Russell Fork drainage basin which flows into the Levisa River. Flooding is a frequent occurrence in this area, and some floods, such as the flood of 1977, have been devastating. In 2003, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a Detailed Project Report (DPR) which outlines structural and non-structural alternatives to reduce flood damages from a recurrence of the 1977 flood or 100-year flood, whichever was greater. The DPR identified a number of homes, businesses and public buildings within the floodplain for flood protection or relocation, including Ervinton High School, Haysi High School, Sandlick Elementary School and Clinchco Elementary School. Dickenson County officials and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agree that providing flood protection for the County's schools is the highest priority.



**Project Name:** □ Center for Advanced Separation Technologies

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$3,000,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for the Department of Energy's Advanced Separations Technology Initiative for the Center for Advanced Separation Technologies (CAST), located at Virginia Tech and at West Virginia University.

The advanced separation technologies which would be enabled by this appropriation will allow companies to extract, process and dispose of coal and mineral substances with objectionable social and environmental costs and to reclaim valuable resources from wastes.

Virginia Tech and West Virginia University have accumulated a great deal of expertise in the areas of separation science and technology, particularly as applied to energy and environmental research. A joint effort between the two institutions will expedite the process of bringing new concepts to the commercial arena and will help promote industrial participation with significant cost sharing.

The funding would support long term research and development projects at CAST and would enable the development of advanced separation processes for near-term

applications in the development of advanced technologies that can be used to remove impurities from coal, including ash, sulfur and mercury. In addition, the technologies can be used to clean up existing waste impoundments and enable the avoidance of the creation of new waste impoundments.

**Project Name:** □ **New River Community College Alternative Energy Training and Demonstration Project**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$1,100,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **New River Community College**

5251 College Drive

Dublin, Virginia 24084

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for the purchase of energy equipment including a three phase photovoltaic energy system and a geothermal training system.

The project would enable New River Community College to update its electrical engineering technology program to integrate training for the power industry; to develop and deliver a certification program in alternative energy; and develop workforce development courses in the energy field.

**Project Name:** □ Grayson County Courthouse

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$1,049,337

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Post Office Box 217

Independence, Virginia 24348

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to renovate, upgrade the Grayson County Courthouse and Administration Building and develop a high performance energy efficient building with photovoltaic and geothermal renewable equipment. The building and equipment will be used by the local school system, Community College and private sector to educate and create green jobs.

**Project Name:** □ Southwest Virginia Clean Coal and Renewable Energy R&D Field Lab

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$4,550,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

Post Office Box 1987

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for equipment for a new clean energy research center. SWVHEC is a multi-university education and conference facility located in Washington County, Virginia.

More than 70 Bachelor's degree completion programs as well as Master's and Doctoral degrees are available at the Center.

The Center has received more than \$8 million from the Virginia Tobacco Commission to design and build a LEED Platinum field lab for research to test innovative energy processes and products.

The funding which I am requesting will be used to equip the laboratory.

**Project Name:** □ Clinch River Watershed

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□\$200,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ U.S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville District

3701 Bell Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37214

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue



**Project Name:** □ **New River Claytor Lake Ecosystem Restoration**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$150,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District**

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to initiate and complete detailed design and initiate construction for the Claytor Lake Ecosystem Restoration project which would restore habitat features, establish emergent, transitional and terrestrial vegetation and enable construction of embayment or wetland features in Claytor Lake in Pulaski County, Virginia.

The feasibility cost share agreement for this project was executed in June 2005.

**Project Name:** □ **Town of Abingdon Storm Water Study**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$55,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville District**

3701 Bell Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37214

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to initiate a study of the storm water problems in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia. The Town has been subject to flooding that has caused substantial property damage.

As upstream property continues to be developed in the Town and surrounding Washington County, Virginia, it is expected that the flooding problems may worsen.

It appears that many of the Town's drainage structure are not adequate to convey the storm water runoff.

**Project Name:** □ **Big Sandy Watershed Re-evaluation KY and VA**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$250,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District**

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to initiate a study of the Big Sandy Watershed. There are six reservoir projects in the Big Sandy

Watershed. There have been requests made for additional whitewater releases at Flannagan Dam within this system.

In addition, there are regional water supply demands within the region and the need for environmental sustainability and enhancement.

The re-evaluation of the watershed which this funding would enable would allow for a collaborative watershed approach to optimize benefits of the region's project for flood damage reduction, water supply, water quality, recreation and environmental sustainability.

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

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**Project Name:** □ **Virginia Highlands Airport Design and Land Acquisition**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$2,000,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□ **Virginia Highlands Airport**

Post Office Box 631

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

**Explanation of the Request:** This funding would allow for design and land acquisition to



**Recipient:** ██████████ **Blue Ridge Airport** ██████████

525 Airport Road

Martinsville, Virginia 24112

**Explanation of the Request:** This funding would allow for land acquisition for an Instrument Landing System (ILS).

**Project Name:** █ **Historic Masonic Theatre Revitalization**

**Amount:** ████████████████████ **\$900,000**

**Recipient:** ██████████ **The Masonic Theatre Preservation Foundation**

Post Office Box 119

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

**Explanation of the Request:** The historic Masonic Theatre is an architectural treasure, for which a significant architectural rehabilitation is underway to restore it to its former grandeur.

This project will transform the iconic Clifton Forge structure into a performance, entertainment, education, and community facility, and will be a catalyst to enhance tourism, stimulate economic revitalization, nurture the performing arts, and encourage business development.

Federal funds would be used to support the considerable building effort necessary to restore the architectural character of the Theatre, while renovating outdated mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.

The design incorporates construction materials and methods that are sensitive to the historic character of the structure and provides up-to-date and operationally efficient building equipment, including state-of-the-art technologies for the auditorium and other spaces throughout.

Significant expenditure is also dedicated to necessary requirements relating to health and safety of patrons such as asbestos abatement, lower level flood-proofing, accessibility provisions, and fire suppression.

**Project Name:** □ **Konnarock Retreat House Repair and Renovation**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$500,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **Konnarock Retreat House**

6404 Whitetop Road

Troutdale, Virginia 24292

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to assist with the repair and renovation of the Konnarock Retreat House. The facility, which is listed under the National Historical Sites Registry, was previously owned by the Forest Service and fell into

severe disrepair. Ownership of the facility has been transferred to a local non-profit community group which is undertaking the effort to restore and renovate the building for use as a community center.

The funds which I am requesting would assist the group in its efforts to refurbish the facility and its grounds.

**Project Name:** □ **Pulaski County Wellness Center**

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□ **\$1,300,000**

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□ **County of Pulaski**

143 Third Street Northwest

Pulaski, Virginia 24301

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to develop the Pulaski County Wellness Center. This indoor wellness facility will operate healthy and wholesome programs and activities for citizens of all ages in order to combat and improve upon the County's reputation, supported by high-risk statistics, as one of the unhealthiest communities in the Commonwealth. Funds would be used to convert a vacant industrial facility into a wellness center, beginning with an initial renovation and inclusion of key amenities such as a walking track, rooms for exercise/education, and recreation.

**Project Name:** Bioenergy Production Opportunities in Alleghany Highlands

**Amount:** \$730,000

**Recipient:** Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation

1000 Dabney Drive, Suite 510

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

**Explanation of the Request:** The Alleghany Highlands region potentially offers the availability of biomass and infrastructure to support bioenergy delivery as well as a customer for lower value energy byproducts generated through the production of bioenergy.

The Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation is seeking federal funds to initiate and complete studies to assess the availability of biomass resources required to sustain a bioenergy facility and to identify the most viable technology to complement the region's biomass resources.

Of the funding I am requesting, \$270,000 would be used to complete a sustainable biomass supply assessment and \$460,000 would be used for an evaluation of bioenergy technology alternatives for the region.

**Project Name:** Jefferson School Conversion to Affordable Housing

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Recipient:** Total Action Against Poverty

Post Office Box 2868

Roanoke, Virginia 24011-2868

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used to convert The Jefferson School into 26 units of affordable housing. Market analysis, affordability surveys, and the town's own planning initiatives cite the lack of such affordable rental housing as critical to the town and to the immediate region. Using a combination of Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, with additional support from sources that may include the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, this \$4.5 million conversion will preserve an historic structure, offer gracious, durable, and affordable living, community meeting spaces, and forms a key building block toward the renaissance of the downtown historic area.

**Project Name:** Appalachia Service Project

**Amount:** \$400,000

**Recipient:** Appalachia Service Project

Jonesville Center

Star Castle Hill Drive

Jonesville, Virginia 24263

**Explanation of the Request:** The funding would be used to provide emergency home repair for households which cannot afford to make necessary repairs. The rising cost of building supplies and fuel has hindered ASP's ability to expand the services that it provides to low income families in Virginia.

The funding would assist ASP in repairing more homes and meeting the cost associated with housing, feeding, and providing other accommodations for volunteers in Virginia.

**Project Name:** □ Mountain Empire Airport Obstruction Removal

**Amount:** □□□□□□□□□□□□\$500,000

**Recipient:** □□□□□□□□□□Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission

Post Office Box 885

Marion, Virginia 24354

**Explanation of the Request:** This funding would allow for obstruction removal which is necessary to reinstate an instrument landing approach. This instrument landing approach was taken out of service because an obstruction was identified.

This project will allow pilots who utilize the airport to land more safely.

**Project Name:** Virginia Tech Land Acquisition for Runway Extension

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Recipient:** Virginia Tech Airport

1600 Ramble Road

Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for land acquisition to lengthen the runway at the airport.

**Project Name:** Birthplace of Country Music Alliance Renovation

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Recipient:** Birthplace of Country Music Alliance

Post Office Box 216

Bristol, Tennessee 37621

**Explanation of the Request:** Funds would be used for the renovation of and addition to a structure in Downtown Bristol for use as the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance Cultural Heritage Center. The Cultural Heritage Center will include temporary and permanent exhibits that trace the history, cultural influences and development of country music through audio visual experiences which will allow visitors the opportunity to experience Bristol's rich musical tradition first hand. The facility will also include space for educational initiatives, live musical performances, lectures and film series and other outreach activities. The facility will provide BCMA with a permanent facility to house its operations in furtherance of the organization's mission, which is to tell the story of the musical and cultural heritage of the region, its role in the birth and development of country music, and its influence on music around the world.